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## Army trains to fight wildfires



(Above) Army air traffic controllers of the 7th Battalion, 101st Aviation Regiment, watch as a CH-47 Chinook drops water in Lake Kyle Friday at Fort Campbell, Tenn. The units were training in preparation to assist in fighting wildfires. (Right) Staff Sgt. Jonathan Pena-Reyes inspects a Bambi Bucket, a bucket used to deliver water to fires, Friday at Lake Kyle at Fort Campbell, Tenn. Pena-Reyes is part of the 159th Combat Aviation Brigade training in wildfire fighting tactics. The helicopter crew trained by dipping the bucket into Lake Kyle and dropping the water on a location directed by the ground crew.

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LYNNETTE OOSTMEYER  
DAILY EGYPTIAN



## Smokers break habits, cross state line to save money

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Daily Egyptian

Since the increase of the Illinois cigarette tax took effect June 24, many students, residents and tobacco retail stores are finding ways to accommodate the change.

Several students have switched brands, roll their own, cut back, turn to the electronic cigarette or even cross state lines to Missouri and Kentucky to buy cigarettes.

Jessi Miller, a graduate student in sociology from Centralia, said the tax has encouraged her to cut back on smoking and be resourceful until she gets a paying job in the fall.

Miller said it also means she will travel home more often where cigarettes are cheaper even though it can be inconvenient for a busy student.

"It's sad because smoking is my only stress relief and it's a habit I actually enjoy," Miller said. "Just adding \$1 to cigarettes is a punishment for people who have a vice rather than a fix for a problem that needs a legitimate solution."

The bill was passed May 29 with the state's Medicaid system in mind.

By raising the tax from 98 cents to \$1.98, the bill is expected to generate about \$350 million a year, which will be matched by federal funds and allow Illinois

to put about \$700 million toward Medicaid.

However, for many tobacco retail stores in southern Illinois, which are located close to the Missouri and Kentucky borders, a loss in revenue will likely occur.

Both Missouri, at 17 cents a pack, and Kentucky, at 60 cents a pack, have lower cigarette taxes than the national average of \$1.46, according to information from the USDA Economic Research Service.

But the Illinois tax hike now puts the state above two neighbors that previously had higher cigarette taxes: Iowa, at \$1.36 a pack; and Indiana, at 99 cents.

Smoke House Discount Tobacco in Carbondale will

continue to see a decline in cigarette volume, manager Colby Thompson said, despite steps the business has taken to accommodate the higher prices.

"We're so close to the borders that smokers in the area can go about 50 miles either way," Thompson said. "People are willing to spend the gas money because they end up saving money by doing so."

Thompson said Smoke House markets "roll your own" tobacco products because they are cheaper even though the bill also raised the taxes on them.

Alex Ryterski, a senior from Pickneyville studying cinema and photography, said cutting back is something he wanted to do and

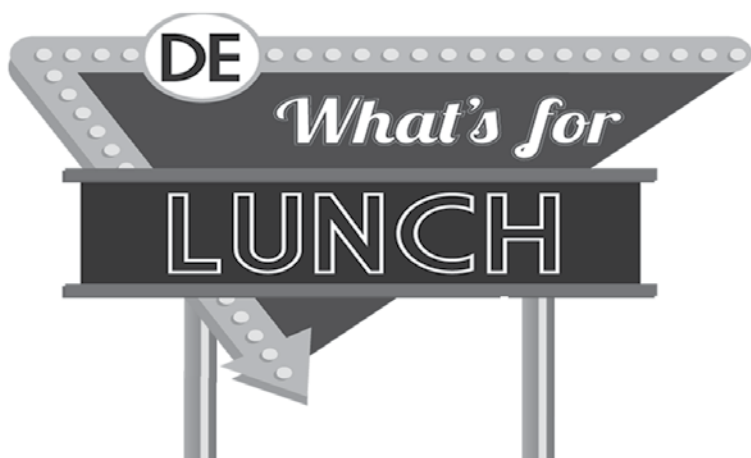
the price increase is a reason to follow through.

"It makes more sense to cut back as opposed to traveling with gas prices the way they are," Ryterski said. "It sounds ridiculous, but unless you carpool it wouldn't be that cost effective."

Nicole Wikoff, a senior from Carbondale studying health care management, said even though she doesn't smoke, she could see the tax increase wrecking many students' budgets.

She said if she was in that position it would be encouragement to just quit and it's a good thing that the tax is in place.

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# Illinois clerks want to defend gay marriage ban

TAMMY WEBBER  
Associated Press

CHICAGO — Two county clerks from downstate Illinois have asked a judge for permission to do what Cook County State's Attorney Anita Alvarez and Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan won't: defend the state's gay marriage ban.

The Thomas More Society late Friday filed a request on behalf of Effingham County Clerk Kerry Hirtzel and Tazewell County Clerk Christie Webb, seeking to intervene in the lawsuit filed in Cook County by 25 gay and lesbian couples. Alvarez and Madigan have said they won't defend the 16-year-old ban, which defines marriage as between a man and a woman, because they believe it violates the state constitution's equal protection clause.

Peter Breen, executive director of The Thomas More Society, a public-interest law firm that opposes gay marriage, said Hirtzel and Webb have an

interest in ensuring that the law is applied uniformly across Illinois "because they are the keepers of marriage licenses."

"If the judge lets us in, we believe we have very good arguments to prevail because of the large body of case law that goes our way on it," said Breen, whose firm sought out clients to intervene in the suit. "We had notified clerks that we believe they have ... a strong interest in intervening."

Webb, a Democrat, said she's taking no position on gay marriage, but wants to ensure there's statewide uniformity on the issue. She envisions a scenario where one law would apply in Cook County and another in the rest of the state, and wants to know how to respond if someone with a marriage license in another county were to apply for one in hers.

"I just need to know from someone... what is legal in the state of Illinois, period," Webb said Monday.

Hirtzel, a Republican, was out of the office Monday and not available

for comment, his office said.

The American Civil Liberties Union and New York-based Lambda Legal originally filed separate lawsuits against Cook County Clerk David Orr, a supporter of gay marriage whose office is responsible for issuing marriage licenses in Chicago and the rest of the county. The lawsuits recently were consolidated.

The action was taken on behalf of the 25 couples, some of them from outside Cook County, but all of whom had applied for marriage licenses there and been denied. Alvarez said it's her job to represent Orr — and they both agreed with the plaintiffs.

The decision has raised eyebrows among some legal experts who believe prosecutors are legally bound to defend Illinois law — though others say the prosecutors were within their rights to refuse to defend the suit — and sets up a scenario where a judge could quickly strike down the marriage statute.

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In a statement on the General Assembly passage of the tax May 29, Gov. Pat Quinn said the tax hike will cut Medicaid costs to the state by reducing smoking and smoking-related ailments that end

up in the Medicaid system. "This legislation will help 60,000 people quit smoking, prevent 60,000 deaths from smoking-related conditions and keep 80,000 kids from taking up smoking in the first place," Quinn said in the statement.

Miller said the government may use healthcare as an excuse and the tax won't fix the problems they're trying to solve.

The new tax is similar to the control tactics implemented in places such as New York where they're banning the sale of large

16-ounce sodas, she said.

"I have my habits and they're mine," Miller said. "It's not right for the government to dictate what I can and cannot do."

Thompson said some people will always just pay the price for convenience, but others will find

ways to be resourceful.

"People like to smoke and they don't want to give that up," he said.

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# Fatal crash grounds key part of firefighting fleet

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**COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo.** — The deadly crash of a military cargo plane fighting a South Dakota wildfire forced officials to ground seven other Air Force air tankers, removing critical firefighting aircraft from the skies during one of the busiest and most destructive wildfire seasons ever to hit the West.

The C-130 from an Air National Guard wing based in Charlotte, N.C., was carrying a crew of six and fighting a 6.5-square-mile blaze in the Black Hills of South Dakota when it crashed Sunday, killing at least one crew member

and injuring others. President Barack Obama offered thoughts and prayers to the crew and their families. "The men and women battling these terrible fires across the West put their lives on the line every day for their fellow Americans," he said in a statement.

The crash cut the number of large air tankers fighting this summer's outbreak of wildfires by one-third.

The military put the remaining seven C-130s on an "operational hold," keeping them on the ground indefinitely. That left 14 federally contracted heavy tankers in use until investigators gain a better understanding of what caused the crash.

"You've basically lopped off eight

air tankers immediately from your inventory, and that's going to make it tougher to fight wildfires," said Mike Archer, who distributes a daily newsletter of wildfire news.

"And who knows how long the planes will be down?" he said, adding that investigators will take time to make their conclusions.

C-130 air tankers have crashed on firefighting duty before. In 2002, a privately owned civilian version of an older-model C-130 crashed in California, killing three crew members. The plane broke up in flight and an investigation blamed fatigue cracks in the wings.

The crash, in part, prompted a review of the airworthiness of large U.S. air tankers and led ultimately

to a greatly reduced fleet of large civilian tanker planes. The 44 planes in the fleet a decade ago has dwindled to nine being flown on U.S. Forest Service exclusive use contracts right now.

Another aerial firefighting plane, the Lockheed P2V, has had some problems in recent months. One crashed in Utah, killing the two pilots, and another one crash-landed in Nevada.

A military spokesman said he did not know when the grounded planes would resume firefighting flights. The military planes had been filling up with fire retardant and flying out of Peterson Air Force Base in Colorado Springs.

They were used to fight fires in

Colorado, Wyoming, Montana and South Dakota.

The U.S. Forest Service, which owns the MAFFS devices and coordinates the program with the military, expressed support for the decision to stand down the MAFFS.

However, as a result, the Forest Service now will have to prioritize fires and the resources allocated to fight them, said Jennifer Jones, a Forest Service spokeswoman at the National Interagency Fire Center in Boise, Idaho.

Fires threatening human life will be a top priority, followed by those threatening communities and community infrastructure, other types of property, and finally natural and cultural resources, she said.

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Spec. John Richardson, left, Sgt. Joshua Burch, center, and Sgt. William Medlin, wait in a Humvee Friday at Lake Kyle at Fort Campbell, Tenn. The Army air traffic controllers of the 7th Battalion, 101st Aviation Regiment, helped direct the Chinook helicopter crews during training to help fight wildfires.

Story and photos by Lynnette Oostmeyer

**“This is an extremely versatile aircraft. It can carry cargo, troops, fly at high altitudes, fight fires state side and in combat zones, pretty much any mission you can think of this helicopter can do.**

— Jonathan Pena-Reyes  
Staff Sgt.

Army units out of Fort Campbell, Ky., are being trained for a different kind of fight: wildfires.

Parts of the 159th Combat Aviation Brigade have trained at Fort Campbell to assist in fighting wildfires both in the area or if needed in Colorado where a series of wildfires started June 23 burning 17,827 acres and forcing more than 30,000 people to evacuate.

Bambi Bucket training was conducted Friday in Fort Campbell and involved two units, one in the air in CH-47 Chinook helicopters, and one on the ground which conducted air traffic control.

The buckets are the containers used to hold up to 2,000 gallons of water, weighing around 18,000 pounds before spillage. Bambi Bucket drops are used to create fire brakes in wildfire situations. The Army units work closely with forestry service members and air



A crewmember from the 159th Combat Aviation Brigade monitors the landing of the CH-47 Chinook helicopter Friday at Lake Kyle. The helicopter crew landed after dropping water with a Bambi Bucket.

traffic control units.

“The biggest thing with missions like this is crew coordination between the air crew and the ground crew. We have to make sure we get the water on target when and where they want it, they express their intent to us so we don’t have mis-drops,” Chief Warrant Officer 3 Ryan Dechent said.

The 159th Combat Aviation Brigade, with air traffic support from the seventh Battalion — 101st Aviation Regiment — made

several runs at Lake Kyle in Fort Campbell in which they practiced dropping the water on target at specified locations.

Staff Sgt. Jonathan Pena-Reyes was in charge of training the crew in the CH-47 Chinook helicopter on their various tasks.

“This is an extremely versatile aircraft,” Pena-Reyes said. “It can carry cargo, troops, fly at high altitudes, fight fires state side and in combat zones, pretty much any mission you can think of this

helicopter can do.”

With extremely dry conditions affecting much of the country wildfires have become a real threat.

Sgt. 1st Class Stephanie Carl, public affairs representative, said the Colorado fires are being watched very closely by the unit, and that this was one of the final stages in the units training who are ready to deploy if called.

Pena-Reyes said it is part of the job of the U.S. Army to help wherever needed.

“We pretty much all have it in mind and are all ready to go. If worse comes to worse this is what we trained for,” he said. “We will just take it as another mission, whether it’s in Colorado or anywhere else in the world we will think of it as a mission and treat it as such.”

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# fighting for fun



**Kyle Hamby, of Carbondale, fights off the opposing team during a Dagorhir match Sunday at Evergreen Park in Carbondale. Hamby said he has been participating in the live action role play organization for a little over a year. He found out about Dagorhir because he used to watch them while living in the nearby apartments.**

**JESSICA TEZAK**  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

**COLUMN**  
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Carbondale is home to Wiffley Field, the backyard stadium of the SO-ILL Swingers. Robby Clark-Stokes built the field in his parents' backyard in 2002 and

said he hosts games about twice a week.

Clark-Stokes said the field's annual Independence Day tournament will be today, but interested Wiffle ball fans are welcome to check out the family's field Wednesday too.

There might even be a pick-up game or two, he said.


If you would rather watch the action than play, the Southern Illinois Miners will host the River City Rascals at 7:05 p.m. Wednesday at Rent One Park in Marion. Tickets range from \$4.00-\$13.00 for this

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conditions. With a little luck, you may be able to see the action from a distant show, even if Carbondale does not hold any of its own.

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**Thursday's Puzzle Solved**

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Thursday's Answers:

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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contain every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit [www.sudoku.org.uk](http://www.sudoku.org.uk).

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**Cancer — Today is an 8** — You may choose to tear down literal or figurative walls. Complete preparations now. You'll feel better after lightening your load. Invest in efficiency.

**Libra — Today is a 6** — Devote some time to personal goals. Complete old tasks and clear space, especially at home. For the next few months, work interferes with play.

**Capricorn — Today is a 6** — Concentrate on advancing your career. Find a need and fill it. Spend wisely. Finish an old project. Provide leadership where it's missing.

**Taurus — Today is a 7** — Today's good for budgeting. New options become visible and available when you look. You've got the advantage. You're busy at work for a few months, and you've got the energy.

**Leo — Today is a 6** — You may come to a turning point regarding a private matter or a startling revelation from a loved one. Take a walk and think it over. Decide later.

**Scorpio — Today is a 7** — The future involves work in seclusion. This Full Moon could open new doors at home and in your career. Accept a gift, even if someone doesn't approve.

**Aquarius — Today is a 5** — You're gaining wisdom. Venture farther out for the foreseeable future. Don't put all your eggs in one basket, but go for expansion. Gather brilliant insights from friends.

**Gemini — Today is an 8** — For the next few weeks, creativity is the name of the game. Intuition guides you to some very interesting new scenarios. You're very persuasive for the next few months.

**Virgo — Today is a 6** — Give in to the mood to rip out the old for the new. Create a romantic new space. Money burns a hole in your pocket for the next few weeks.

**Sagittarius — Today is a 6** — You're hot! Tweak your exercise program, and step it up a level. For the next two months, work closely with your associates. Clear up any confusion before proceeding.

**Pisces — Today is an 8** — Get more aggressive about saving. Keep your eyes on the prize. Protect your interests. Don't get intimidated. You can do it.



## No Salukis qualify for U.S. team

**AKEEM GLASPIE**  
Daily Egyptian

Past and present Saluki athletes had respectable showings during the U.S. Olympic Trials, but failed to qualify for any U.S. Olympic events.

Junior swimmer Justin Wolfe placed eighth in the 100-meter butterfly at the U.S. Olympic Swimming Trials Saturday in Omaha, Neb.

Wolfe's time of 56.27 placed him five seconds behind event winner and Olympic gold medalist Michael Phelps. Wolfe was the first SIU swimmer to qualify for the Olympic trials in 12 years as he represented the last hope for an SIU athlete to qualify for the U.S. team.

Former Saluki Jeneva McCall competed in the shot put and discus Thursday and Friday in Eugene, Ore., but did not qualify for the U.S. Olympic team in either event.

McCall placed fifth overall out of 12 athletes in the shot put with a throw of 57-09.75, about five feet shorter than event winner Julian Camerena-Williams. She also placed 15th in the discus with a 172-11 throw and placed 10th in the hammer with a 219-2 throw June 21.

McCall was one of five Salukis who competed at the Track and Field Olympic trials in Oregon.

Former Saluki Brittany Riley, a 2007 alumna, was the highest finisher among SIU athletes trying to qualify for the US team. In the hammer throw, her toss of 227-4 placed her sixth overall. Gwen Berry, a 2011 alumna, finished seventh in the hammer throw with a 225-10 throw.

SIU track and field athletes also competed in the Olympic trials in Nassau, Bahamas for other countries, including junior Kenya Culmer, who competed in the high jump and finished second with a 5-09.75 jump.

On the track, former Saluki Jeff Schirmer, a 2010 alumnus, was the only former SIU runner in the Olympic trials and finished 16th in the 10k with a time of 28:35.18.

However, former Saluki Bianca Stuart, a 2008 alumna, already qualified for the Bahamian team in the long jump with a 21-02.50 jump at the Central American and Caribbean Senior Championships July 17, 2011 in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico.

Three Saluki swimmers also made the Olympics. Sophomore Pamela Benitez, who won 12 events in a row during her first year at SIU, will represent El Salvador. Junior Csaba Gercsak will represent Hungary after previously swimming in the 2008 Beijing Olympic games. Senior Mazen Aziz will represent Egypt after swimming in the World Championships in Shanghai. Aziz and Gercsak are the first SIU Olympic swimmers since Chrysanthos Papachrysanthou, who swam for the Cyprus Olympic team in 2004.

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## Summer training keeps throwers busy



Senior thrower Kim Fortney prepares for a practice throw Monday at the Saluki Track and Field Complex. Fortney said the team's training regimen for the summer tends to be heavier than during the school year. "This is the 3rd week of training, and it's been going pretty well," said Fortney. "It's been rough, but I can feel myself getting stronger."

**CHRIS ZOELLER**  
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### STAFF COLUMN

## How to enjoy the outdoors on the Fourth of July

**BEN CONRADY**  
Daily Egyptian

While our country celebrates its independence Wednesday, Carbondale residents can celebrate freedom with sports and outdoor activities, without straying too far from home.

A game of golf is a good place to start for a day of sports and relaxation. There are nine golf courses within 15 miles of Carbondale, which includes Hickory Ridge Golf Course and Jackson Course at the Jackson County Country Club. Both courses are open to the public and about a five minute drive from Carbondale.

Following time on the links, you could cool off at the LIFE Community Center Pool throughout the day, but Jane Childers, superintendent of recreation for the Carbondale Park District, said serious swimmers may want to avoid the early afternoon because of the youth swim from 1-4 p.m.

"It can get pretty loud and crazy," Childers said.

If swimming isn't your thing, head down the road to Giant City State Park. Located 12 miles south of Carbondale near Makanda, the park offers seven beautiful hiking trails, including the 12-mile Red Cedar trail for experienced hikers. Other activities at the park include rock climbing, horseback riding and fishing.

No matter what the morning consists of, you will undoubtedly need to take a break in the air conditioning. While lounging on the couch, don't miss out on the chance to take in one of the greatest Fourth of July traditions: the Nathan's Famous Hot Dog Eating Contest.

While approximately 40,000 fans make the annual pilgrimage to Jericho, N.Y., to see the contest live, according to Nathan's Famous Inc., viewers can tune in to ESPN at 3 p.m. to see the action from home. The competitor to beat this year is Joey Chestnut, a 5-time defending champ who holds the world record for eating 68 hot dogs with buns



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in ten minutes.

After watching all those hot dogs being consumed, you will certainly want to have a few yourself. July is National Hot Dog Month, and according to the National Hot Dog and Sausage Council, Americans will consume about 155 million dogs during Fourth of

July activities. So fire up the grill and enjoy a few yourself.

A hotdog goes well with a game of baseball. If you want to participate in the game but haven't laced up your cleats in years, why not enjoy a game of Wiffle ball?

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